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SUBJ: COTTON CONTRACTS

REF: LA PAZ 5698

1. IN MEETING AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 24 WITH HECTOR ORMACHEA (PERSONAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT BANZER) TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO UPCOMING BANZER STATE VISIT (REPORTING SEPTTEL), EMBOFFS OPENED CONVERSATION BY ASKING IF ORMACHEA HAD ANYTHING TO REPORT ON BANZER'S REACTION TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON COTTON CONTRACTS.

2. ORMACHEA EVINCED SOME INITIAL RELUCTANCE TO CHARACTERIZE PRESIDENT BANZER'S ATTITUDE BUT FINALLY SAID THAT "PRESIDENT GOT MAD AT ME WHEN I BROUGHT THIS SUBJECT UP". HE ATTRIBUTED THIS REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S FEELING THAT HE WAS GETTING SOME PRESSURE ON THIS MATTER.

3. ORMACHEA VOLUNTEERED NO CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS OF HIS OWN AS TO HOW MATTER MIGHT BE RESOLVED AND WAS FRANK TO ADMIT THE PROBLEM WAS A SERIOUS ONE WHICH REQUIRED A SOLUTION. IN RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTION,

HE CONCEDED THAT ADJUSTMENTS IN CONTRACT PRICE VIA NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOLIVIAN COTTON PRODUCERS AND BUYERS MIGHT
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BE ONE WAY OUT. HE SAID THAT HE WILL STUDY THE CONTRACTS, COPIES

OF WHICH HE HAS REQUESTED, TO SEE IF A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND.
EMBOFFS ONCE AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER.
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